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Formal Figure(s) 1-7 on 7 sheet(s)
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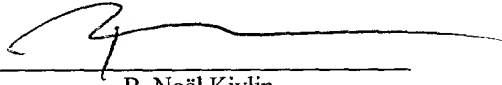
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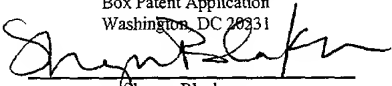
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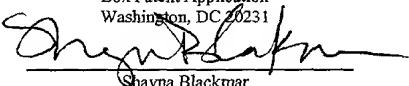
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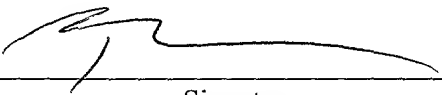
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